

Amendments to House Bill No. 330  
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Bob Bergren

For the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

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1. Title, line 12.

**Following:** "OPERATE"

**Insert:** "SOME"

**Following:** "POWERLINES;"

**Insert:** "INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF BONDS ALLOWED UNDER THE  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE CONSOLIDATION ACT;"

2. Title, line 14.

**Following:** "APPROPRIATION;"

**Insert:** "AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-1604 AND 17-5-1608, MCA;"

3. Page 2, line 8.

**Following:** "bodies"

**Insert:** "and Indian tribal governments"

4. Page 2, line 9.

**Following:** "bodies"

**Insert:** "and Indian tribal governments"

5. Page 2.

**Following:** line 23

**Insert:** "(4) "Commission" means the public service commission  
provided for in 69-1-102."

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

6. Page 2, line 26.

**Following:** "city-county,"

**Insert:** "Indian tribal government,"

7. Page 3, line 19 through line 20.

**Strike:** "UNDER" on line 19 through "6" on line 20

8. Page 3.

**Following:** line 20

**Insert:** "(c) through June 30, 2009, a public utility under a  
qualifying contract governed by Title 69, chapter 3, part 6,  
if:

(i) the commission determines that adequate ancillary  
services are available for increases in the amount of  
intermittent generation resources connected to the transmission

grid;

(ii) the cost of any ancillary services provided to the generator by the public utility can be adjusted to reflect actual costs, the costs are deductible by the public utility from the price of electricity paid to the generator, and adjustments may be made as frequently as every 12 months; and

(iii) the public utility can refuse acceptance of electricity from the generator when the loss of ancillary services threatens system reliability or the public utility is unable to purchase sufficient ancillary services to meet its obligations, subject to 90 days' written notice to the generator;"

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

9. Page 3, line 22.

**Strike:** "CONSUMER"

**Insert:** "purchaser"

10. Page 9, line 15 through line 16.

**Following:** "PROJECT" on line 15

**Strike:** "FINANCING"

**Insert:** "construction"

**Strike:** "SELLING BONDS" on line 15 through "FINANCING" on line 16

**Insert:** "starting construction"

11. Page 9, line 20.

**Following:** "SERVICES"

**Insert:** "as required by the control area operator"

12. Page 9, line 21.

**Strike:** "AS REQUIRED" through "OPERATOR; AND"

**Insert:** ";"

13. Page 9, line 22.

**Following:** "PROJECT"

**Insert:** " ; and

(4) with a tribal government for projects being constructed within the exterior boundaries of that tribal government's Indian reservation"

14. Page 9, line 25.

**Following:** "POWERLINES."

**Insert:** "(1)"

15. Page 9, line 26.

**Strike:** "(1)"

**Insert:** "(a)"

16. Page 9, line 27.

**Strike:** "(2)"

**Insert:** "(b)"

17. Page 9.

**Following:** line 28

**Insert:** "(2) Subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b) do not apply to electrical lines connecting component parts within the perimeter of an electric generation facility or to a dedicated tie line between an electric generation facility and the transmission grid or the point of use by the governmental body."

18. Page 10.

**Following:** line 25

**Insert:** "Section 20. Section 17-5-1604, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-5-1604. **Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Board" means the board of investments created in 2-15-1808.

(2) "Department" means the department of commerce created in 2-15-1801.

(3) "Eligible government unit" means:

(a) any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state, including without limitation any city, town, county, school district, authority as defined in 75-6-304, or other special taxing district or assessment or service district authorized by law to borrow money; or

(b) the state, any board, agency, or department of the state, or the board of regents of the Montana university system when authorized by law to borrow money; or

(c) for the purposes of [sections 1 through 19] only, an Indian tribal government.

(4) "Reserve fund" means the municipal finance consolidation act reserve fund created in 17-5-1630."  
{ Internal References to 17-5-1604: None. }

**Insert:** "Section 21. Section 17-5-1608, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-5-1608. **Limitations on amounts.** The board may not issue any bonds or notes that cause the total outstanding indebtedness of the board under this part, except for bonds or notes issued to fund or refund other outstanding bonds or notes or to purchase registered warrants or tax or revenue anticipation notes of a local government as defined in 7-6-1101, to exceed ~~\$120~~ \$190 million."

{ Internal References to 17-5-1608: None. }

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

19. Page 11, line 11.

**Strike:** "20"

**Insert:** "22"